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US COMPUTERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether United States of America has decided to export high power computers to India again;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time when the export of these computers was stopped alongwith reasons therefor; and

(d) the extent to which the India is likely to be benefited by these computers?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a),(b) and (c): The United States has a policy of controls on exports of high powered computers of certain specifications through a system of licenses, administered by Bureau of Export Control, US Department of Commerce.India is placed in `TIER3 Countries`. Under this regime India was eligible to import computers with a Composite Theoretical Performance (CIP) between6500 MTOPSto 28000 MTOPS(Million Theoretical Operations per Second) from January 2000 to February 2001. With effect from March 20, 2001 this lower threshold has been raised to 85000 MTOPS.However, Indian organisations on the so called entity list continue to face restrictions on the import of high power computers from the United States of America.

(d): Only for very specialized applications like weather forecasting India needs to import high power computers / super computers.